



11th Annual Gathering of Warriors Pow wow scheduled

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KESHENA – The Veterans of the Menominee Nation will be hosting the 11th Annual Gathering of Warriors Powwow on May 19–21, 2000 at the Woodland Bowl in Keshena, Wisconsin.

This year's gathering will honor all veteran ages 55 years and older. The weekend celebration will recognize all veterans who served in all branches of the United States military – Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force – during peace time and combat.

On Friday, May 19th the powwow will open at 6:30 P.M. with the blessing

of the powwow grounds followed by the raising of family flags in recognition of deceased veterans.

Saturday, May 20 the powwow will celebrate Armed Forces Day. Activities that day include dancing and honoring ceremonies recognizing all veterans. Grand Entries will be held at 1:00 and 7:00 P.M.

The crowning of the 2000-2001 Veterans of the Menominee Nation Princess will be held as outgoing princess Rose Peters relinquishes her crown. A feast will be held at 5:00 P.M. for all veterans and their families.

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Magnificent performance by Spring Band and Chorus Concert



Y. Kaguatoosh/MNN

BACK TO THE GOOD OL' DAYS, 1955—The Menominee Indian High School Band and Chorus put on an exceptional performance at their annual Spring Concert Wednesday evening, May 3rd. The 50's theme was a pleasant change enjoyed by all in attendance. Above, Combined Chorus – donning 50's style dress – performed a medley of songs including: *Who put the Bomp*, *Will you still Love me*, *Da Doo Ron Ron*, *Peppermint Twist*, and *Rock around the Clock*. At right, (l to r): Lori Besaw, Keturah Jacobs, and Dione Waupoose perform their last Spring Concert at MIHS. The Chorus II trio will graduate this month. Additional photos and story will appear in the May 20th issue of *Menominee Nation News*.



'Open Your Door and be Counted'

Census participation is now Critical

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WASHINGTON – April 27th (Thursday) marked the day when the Census Bureau officially started sending out enumerators to complete the Census and count those who did not receive or return a census questionnaire. Over \$185 billion in federal funds will be distributed to states and communities based on Census data.

"With so much at stake, it is now critical that people who have not been counted open their doors to the enumerators," said J. Kenneth Blackwell, Congressional Member of the U.S. Census Monitoring Board. Enumerators will knock on doors and make telephone calls until July 7. "The enumerators are your friends and neighbors.

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ONCE IN A LIFETIME—The first MIHS prom held in the new millennium brought about new change for the traditional event. This year the dance was held in the small gym, providing a more pleasant atmosphere befitting for prom participants and spectators as well as ample accommodations to get down and boogie.

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who are working to benefit your community," said Blackwell.

Blackwell discussed the confidentiality of the Census data. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share anyone's information with any other agency, including the FBI, INS, or the IRS. In addition, Blackwell noted that to ensure public safety, census enumerators would be easily recognizable.

If a census taker comes to your door, he or she will:

- Wear an easily recognizable red, white and blue name badge;
- Have tote bag with 'Census 2000' written on it;
- Carry official census forms;
- Have a printed statement verifying that your answers are confidential;
- Never ask to come inside your house;
- Never request Social Security, drivers license or credit card numbers;
- Have a local census telephone number you can call to verify that he or she is a Census worker.

Over four million people were missed in the 1990 census, with a disproportionate number of Hispanic/Latino, African-American, Asian American and Native American. More than half of those missed were children.

The Congressionally Appointed Members of the Census Monitoring Board, a bipartisan panel created by Congress to oversee the implementation of the 2000 Census, have been visiting with leaders and residents of hard-to-count areas around the nation. The Board has incorporated many of their suggestions for conducting a better count in its reports to Congress.

To apply for a temporary job with the Census Bureau, call their toll-free number: (888) 325-7733. Information regarding the Census Monitoring Board and the 2000 census can be found on our web page at www.cmbc.gov.

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dancers, singers and guests. Evening activities include the popular Veterans Snake Dance where dancers and veterans dance in recognition of those veterans who served in military combat.

This years head dancers are Bernard Webster and Wilda Peters. Head veteran dancers are Tim Beson and Sandy WhiteHawk. The host drum is Junior Deadgrass Society.

Sunday, May 21 will begin with a meeting and breakfast for the Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association at 9:00 am. The final Grand Entry will begin at 12:00 p.m. Afternoon activities will include a dance competition to select the head dancers for the 2001 Gathering of Warriors powwow followed by a giveaway by the Veterans of the Menominee Nation.

The powwow includes food stands and craft vendors. Several raffles will be conducted by the Veterans of the Menominee Nation to raise funds for the veterans association scholarship fund and to support their youth and community programs.

The cost for the powwow is \$4.00 per day or \$7.00 for a weekend pass. Children 5 years and under and elders 55 years and older are admitted free.